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**MASSACHUSETTS MAN SENTENCED FOR DRUG SALES**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Charles Berner, 47, of Gardner, Massachusetts, was sentenced to 12 months and one day in federal prison following his conviction for participating in a conspiracy to distribute oxycodone. Berner was also sentenced to a three year period of supervised release. During the term of his supervised release, Berner's behavior will be monitored by the United States Probation Office.

Berner pleaded guilty on January 3, 2006 to one count of conspiring with others to distribute oxycodone during the years 2003 and 2004. Berner was captured on a surveillance video passing the oxycodone to Edward Frazier, who in turn made sales to an undercover officer. Berner stipulated that he sold approximately 480 twenty milligram dosage pills of oxycodone during the conspiracy.

In announcing the sentence, the U.S. District Court took into account that the defendant lost a 19 year career with the United States Postal Service as a result of his actions, had voluntarily enrolled in drug addiction counseling, had no record of criminal behavior before becoming involved in the conspiracy, and had sold the drugs to a single customer.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "This office will continue to work with the United States Postal Inspection Service and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to combat the sale of illegal drugs by investigating and prosecuting those who would engage in this illicit business. By prosecuting individuals such as this defendant, we hope to stem the flow of drugs in our cities and towns and prevent drug dealers from establishing a foothold in New Hampshire." U.S. Attorney Colantuono praised the investigative work of United States Postal Inspector in Charge Peter Zegarac's agency and the assistance of the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Assistant Don Feith.